

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 3/21/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15,16,18-22,24-26,28-41 and 43-52.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to Applicant's Amendment filed 21 March 2007 and Remarks filed 31 January 2007. Claims 15-16, 18-22, 24-26, 28-41 and 43-52 are pending with claims 15, 20, 24-25, 33 and 43-44 being in independent form. Claims 17, 23, 27, 42 and 53-57 have been canceled per Applicant's request.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 15-16, 18-22, 24-26, 28-41 and 43-52 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art, in conjunction with all the other limitations of the claims:

With respect to claim 15 and all its dependencies:

- A method of transferring information from a drawing device by extracting a page identifier from position data that identifies which page or pages in an abstract position-coding pattern the position data belongs

With respect to claim 20 and all its dependencies:

- A method of transferring information from a drawing device wherein if an application is registered to utilize received data it's informed about the existence of new position data in the memory

With respect to claim 24 and all its dependencies:

- A digital storage medium having instructions to extract a page identifier from position data that identifies to which page or pages in an abstract position-coding pattern the position data belongs

With respect to claim 25 and all its dependencies

- A device to transfer information from a drawing device containing a storage handler that stores in a computer system memory position data that comes from the drawing device and extracts a page identifier from the position data that identifies to which page or pages in the position-coding pattern the position data belongs

With respect to claim 33 and all its dependencies:

- A method to identify an application in a computer system that receives information from a drawing device by deriving a service identifier that identifies an activity a user wants to perform from incoming position data from the drawing device and identifying, by the service identifier, at least one application in the computer system

With respect to claim 43 and all its dependencies:

- A digital storage medium having instructions to derive a service identifier that identifies an activity a user wants to perform from incoming position data from the drawing device and identifying, by the service identifier, at least one application in the computer system

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With respect to claim 44 and all its dependencies:

- A device to identify an application in a computer system that receives incoming position data from a drawing device, derives a service identifier that identifies an activity a user wants to perform from the position data and based upon the service identifier, identifies at least one application in the computer system

The prior art of record fails to provide sufficient teaching or motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the additionally recited features of these claims in the combinations as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kristy A. Haupt whose telephone number is (571) 272-8545. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

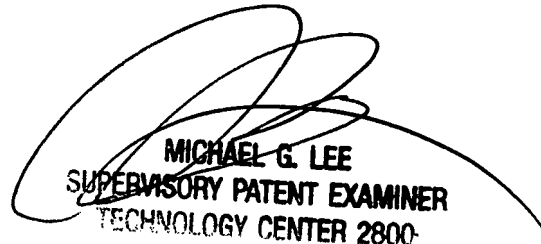
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